

Sermon Discussion Questions

TWISTED

2 Samuel 11

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1. Give the church in America (as far as you can tell from your vantage point) a grade for how well they address the issue of sin (A, B, C, D, F) and explain why you give that grade.
 - Churches can swing the pendulum one way or the other too far when it comes to the issue of sin (talk too much about it, or too little). What has been your experience in the church(es) you have been a part of—too much or too little—and why do you say this?
2. Read this quote from the great apologist, Ravi Zacharias and discuss why you agree or disagree with it, “The deadly lie is that you think we can violate the sacred boundaries that God has set, and in that violation you will find fulfillment and find your happiness. It is simply not true. Pleasure without God will actually leave you emptier than before.”
3. On the outline there are six ways that sin is so twisted. Review them and discuss which one stood out to you more than the others on its description of sin and why.
4. Remember Elizabeth, Jeremy’s raccoon? Like a raccoon, sin can seem so nice and then turn on you. If you feel comfortable enough, can you recall a story when you were sinning, thinking it would be fine (or you wouldn’t get caught), and then sin turned on you?
 - What lessons can we learn from these stories?
5. Read Ezekiel 8 (especially vv.6, 13, 15) and John 19:8-11 and see what the Word of God says about different degrees of sin. What do you think constitutes sins that are worse than others (read Genesis 9:6; Exodus 20:7 (why is this the only one of the ten Commandments God says He will punish?) and see how those sins seem to incur a stricter punishment & wonder why)?
6. What are some practical ways we can avoid and/or deal with sin in our lives?
7. Explain how Communion went for you. After spending time in the Word hearing about the twistedness of sin, did that have an impact on your Communion experience? If so, how?